



President Barack Obama shakes hands with Indonesian President Joko Widodo during their meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. This is Widodo's first visit to the U.S. since becoming President of Indonesia. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh) Page4

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# US Navy to sail warship near reefs claimed by China

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. Navy is preparing to sail a warship near artificial islands built by China in the South China Sea in a long-anticipated challenge to what it considers Beijing's "excessive claim" of sovereignty in those waters, two U.S. officials said Monday. The officials said the White House approved the movement by the USS Lassen, a guided missile destroyer, around the Spratly Islands archipelago, a disputed group of hundreds of reefs, islets, atolls and islands in the South China Sea.

The move is expected to take place within a day or so.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter in advance of the Lassen's movement.

A Pentagon spokesman, Navy Cmdr. Bill Urban, declined to comment.

The Obama administration has long said it will exercise a right to freedom of navigation in any international waters, including in the South China Sea. The point of sailing a U.S. ship within 12 nautical miles of any of the artificial islands created

by China would be to demonstrate the U.S. assertion that they are not sovereign Chinese territory.

"Make no mistake, the United States will fly, sail and operate wherever international law allows, as we do around the world, and the South China Sea is not and will not be an exception," Defense Secretary Ash Carter said on Oct. 13.

"We'll do that at times and places of our choosing," Carter said. "And there's no exception to that, whether it's the Arctic or the sea lanes that fuel international commerce widely around the world, or the South China Sea."

State Department spokesman John Kirby said Monday the U.S. would not be required to consult with other nations if it decided to conduct freedom of navigation operations in international waters anywhere on the globe.

"The whole point of freedom of navigation in international waters is that it's international waters. You don't need to consult with anybody. That's the idea," Kirby said. He referred questions about specific Navy ship movements to the Pentagon.

China's assertive behavior



In this photo, the USS Lassen is anchored in Yokosuka near Tokyo. The U.S. Navy is preparing to sail the USS Lassen near artificial islands built by China in the South China Sea in a long-anticipated challenge to what it considers Beijing's "excessive claim" of sovereignty in those waters, two U.S. officials said Oct. 26.

(AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

in the South China Sea has become an increasingly sore point in relations with the United States, even as President Barack Obama and China's President Xi Jinping have sought to deepen cooperation in other areas, such as climate change.

China claims virtually all of the South China Sea. The Philippines and other countries that have territorial disputes with China in the busy sea have been particularly concerned by China's recent land reclamation projects that have turned a number of previously sub-

merged reefs in the Spratly archipelago into artificial islands with runways and wharves.

Adm. Harry Harris Jr., commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, has said the South China Sea is no more China's than the Gulf of Mexico is Mexico's. □

## 5 Britons killed after whale boat sinks off Vancouver Island

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**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Five British nationals died when a whale watching boat with 27 people on board sank off Vancouver Island, the British Foreign Minister said Monday. One person was missing and the rest were rescued, some by members of the local aboriginal community who rushed to help. The cause of the sinking remained a mystery. The boat made a mayday call late Sunday afternoon on a calm, clear and sunny day off Tofino, a popular destination for whale watchers, the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre said. Government investigators were not expected to arrive until Monday afternoon

in Tofino, a remote community of about 2,000 people at the very tip of a peninsula some 200 miles (320 kilometers) northwest of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Jamie Bray, the owner of the company that operates the boat, said he is cooperating with investigators to determine what happened.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond confirmed in a statement that the five killed were U.K. nationals. He said consular officials in British Columbia were supporting family members of those who died.

"My thoughts are with the family and friends of all those affected by this terrible accident," Hammond said.



A life raft used on the whale watching boat Leviathan II floats near Tofino, British Columbia, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. The whale watching boat with over two dozen people on board sank off Vancouver Island, the British Foreign Minister said Monday, killing multiple people.

(Chad Hipolito/The Canadian Press via AP)

Barbara McLintock, a corner's spokeswoman, said four men and one woman died and their ages ranged from 18 to 76. She said two

of them were residents of Canada. Their names were not released. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police sent an un-

derwater recovery team to search for the missing person, with assistance from the Coast Guard and local search and rescue personnel.

The other 21 people aboard the boat were rescued Sunday.

Boats from the nearby Ahousat First Nation arrived first on the scene, said aboriginal Councilor Tom Campbell. He was on the waterfront and watched as rescuers brought several survivors ashore. He said his cousin pulled at least eight people from the cold water onto a boat.

"Their looks tell the whole story," he said by phone from Tofino. "You can't describe looks on people that are lost. They look totally lost — shocked and lost." □



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President Barack Obama listens as Indonesian President Joko Widodo speaks during their meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. This is Widodo's first visit to the U.S. since becoming President of Indonesia.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Indonesia's leader looked to cement his nation's growing ties with the United States, declaring after a meeting Monday with President Barack Obama that Southeast Asia's largest economy intended to join a sweeping U.S.-backed Pacific Rim trade deal. Indonesian President Joko Widodo is making his first

Washington visit since winning power a year ago, and is keen to drum up American investment in a flagging economy. U.S. companies complain that economic protectionism makes it difficult to do business there. "Indonesia intends to join the TPP," Widodo said in the Oval Office, referring to the Trans-Pacific Partnership. He provided no other details, but described the

Indonesian economy as open. Obama said Widodo was leading Indonesia in the "right direction." "We want to be a partner with you," he said. Indonesia had previously expressed interest in joining TPP but this is the strongest indication yet that it is serious about joining the pact, which the U.S. has negotiated with 11 other nations. Once the pact is ratified

and takes effect — a process that could take a couple of years — it would cut tariffs and streamline trade rules among nations that account for 40 percent of global GDP. It could prove a tough sell in Indonesia, where Widodo faces stiff opposition to liberalizing the economy. According the World Bank's 2015 Ease of Doing Business rankings, Indonesia was 172nd out of 189 economies in the area of contract enforcement. Speaking at a separate forum Monday, U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman said the U.S. has had "serious concerns" about investment barriers in Indonesia. He did not specifically address the prospect of Indonesia joining TPP, but said "other countries who are able and willing to meet its standards, can potentially accede." Obama and Widodo also discussed climate change and counterterrorism against groups like the Islamic State. Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim-majority nation and largely moderate. Another agenda item was maritime security cooperation, Obama said, alluding

to tensions in the South China Sea, where U.S. officials say a Navy ship is about to sail inside what China considers its territorial waters around the disputed Spratly Islands. China has built artificial islands in the area to bolster its sovereignty claim. In a joint statement, the two presidents called for all parties to refrain from actions that raise tensions, but did not mention China by name. They affirmed the importance of freedom of navigation and overflight. Indonesia balances its relations between the U.S. and China — which is an even more important source of trade and investment than America. Indonesia is not a claimant in the South China Sea, but is concerned about China's expansive maritime claims that may infringe on the territorial waters of the Natuna islands that is part of the Indonesian archipelago. Widodo has put little focus on foreign relations since he won election last year on a wave of popular support. His visit, which began Sunday, is a chance to build a rapport with Obama, who spent part of his childhood in Indonesia. □

## Ex-UN General Assembly head charged in bribe case is freed

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**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A former president of the United Nations General Assembly facing tax charges in a bribery case was released Monday on \$1 million bail even as a prosecutor said it was likely he will face ad-

ditional charges. John Ashe, 61, was freed at dusk after an electronic bracelet was attached and the last of four co-signers to his bail package was approved. He declined to comment as he left Manhattan federal court.

Earlier in the day, Assistant U.S. Attorney Janis Echenberg told Judge Vernon S. Broderick that prosecutors were "rather likely" to bring additional charges against Ashe, a former U.N. ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda who served for a year in the largely cer-

emonial role of U.N. General Assembly president until September 2014. So far, he faces only tax counts that carry a maximum penalty of six years in prison. The U.S. government claims Ashe, of Dobbs Ferry, New York, was at the center of a bribery conspiracy from

2011 through 2014 in which Chinese billionaire Ng Lap Seng and other businesspeople paid him over \$1 million in bribes to support a multibillion-dollar U.N.-sponsored conference center that Ng hoped to build as his legacy in Macau, where he lived. □



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## Speaker Boehner's last deal: 2-year budget, debt ceiling

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — House Speaker John Boehner is pushing to finalize a far-reaching, two-year budget agreement with President Barack Obama before handing Congress' top job over to Rep. Paul Ryan this week, congressional officials said Monday. The budget pact, in concert with a must-pass increase in the federal borrowing limit, would solve the thorniest issues awaiting Ryan, who is set to be elected speaker on Thursday. The position is the highest in Congress and the second in line of succession to the president. The budget pact would also take budget showdowns and government shutdown fights off the table until after the 2016 presidential election, a potential boon to Republican candidates who might otherwise face uncomfortable questions about messes in the Republican-led Congress. Congress must raise the federal borrowing limit by Nov. 3 or risk a first-ever default, while money to pay for government operations runs out Dec. 11 unless Congress acts. The emerging framework would give both the Pentagon and domestic agencies two years of budget relief in exchange for cuts elsewhere in the budget. The measure under discussion would suspend the current \$18.1 trillion debt limit through March 2017. After that it would be reset by the Treasury Department to reflect borrowing over that time. The emerging budget side of the deal resembles a pact that Ryan himself put together two years ago in concert with Democratic Sen. Patty Murray that eased automatic spend-

ing cuts for the 2014-2015 budget years. A lot of conservatives disliked the measure and many on the Republicans' right flank are likely to oppose the new one, which would apply to the 2016-2017 budget years. The closely-held talks had appeared to be proceeding slowly but took on urgency over the weekend as House Republican leaders looked ahead to a debt limit vote this week that they feared they might not be able to pass as a stand-alone measure. "Fiscal negotiations are ongoing," Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said as he opened the Senate on Monday afternoon. "As the details come in and especially if an agreement is reached, I intend to consult and discuss the details with our colleagues." Negotiators hoped to officially file the legislation Monday night, but it's not clear whether they'll meet the goal. House Republican leaders announced a closed-door meeting Monday night to gauge support among rank and file. Party defense hawks are a driving force, intent on reversing automatic budget cuts. Democrats and the White House are pressing hard as well, demanding increases for domestic agencies on par with any Pentagon hikes. The measure is aimed at undoing the automatic cuts, which are a byproduct of a 2011 budget and debt deal and the failure of Washington to subsequently tackle the government's fiscal woes. "It is past time that we do away with the harmful, draconian sequester cuts," said Democratic Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid. "We must also ensure that



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio arrives for a caucus meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington. Boehner is pushing to finalize a budget agreement with President Obama before handing Congress' top job over to Rep. Paul Ryan this week, congressional officials said Monday.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

there are equal defense and nondefense increases." At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest said: "Not everything has been agreed to. That means nothing at this point has been agreed to."

Obama wants roughly \$74 billion in additional defense and nondefense spending this year. The measure wouldn't provide full relief demanded by defense hawks and would award equal increases to defense

and domestic programs. Instead, aides said, the framework would permit \$50 billion in additional spending in 2016, about a 5 percent increase, and \$30 billion above current limits for 2017. □

## AP-GfK Poll: Trump is hard sell for Hispanics

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NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)** — Republican front-runner Donald Trump is widely unpopular among the nation's Hispanics, a new AP-GfK poll finds, challenging the billionaire's oft-repeated assertion that he will win the Hispanic vote if he becomes his party's nominee. The survey finds many of the Republican candidates running for president would probably struggle to win significant support among Hispanics in a general election. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and U.S. senator from Florida Marco Rubio are their favorites, but even they are a hard sell, the poll suggests.

Even so, most in the field are unknown to enough Hispanics that they might have a shot at proving themselves. That's a particular struggle for Trump, who began his campaign for president by calling some immigrants from Mexico rapists and has vowed to deport all of the estimated 11 million people living in the country illegally if he is elected president. Trump is viewed unfavorably by 72 percent of Hispanics, with 6 in 10 having a very unfavorable opinion of him, the AP-GfK poll finds. Only 11 percent view him favorably. Janet Murguia, president of the National Council of La Raza, the Hispanic civil

rights advocacy group, said the findings are no surprise and "consistent from what we've heard from the community." Trump's provocative comments about the character of immigrants and his plans for mass deportation and construction of a wall all along the Mexican border stirred a backlash from Hispanic groups. He also bailed on an event with Hispanic business leaders. Nonetheless, Trump says Hispanics love him. "I have fantastic relationships with the Hispanics," Trump said last week. "I employ thousands of Hispanics right now, tens of thousands over the years I've employed. They're fantastic people." □



# WHO links hot dogs, other processed meat to cancer

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**WASHINGTON/PARIS (AP)**

— Bacon, hot dogs and cold cuts are under fire: The World Health Organization threw its global weight behind years of experts' warnings and declared Monday that processed meats raise the risk of colon and stomach cancer and that red meat is probably harmful, too.

Meat producers are angry, vegetarians are feeling vindicated, and cancer experts are welcoming the most comprehensive pronouncement yet on the relation between our modern meat-eating lifestyles and cancer.

The WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France, analyzed decades of research and for the first time put processed meats in the same danger category as smoking or asbestos. That doesn't mean salami is as bad as cigarettes, only that there's a confirmed link to cancer. And even then, the risk is small.

The results aren't that shocking in the U.S., where many parents fret over chemicals in cured meats and the American Cancer Society has long cautioned against eating too much steak and deli.

But the U.N. agency's findings could shake up public health attitudes elsewhere, such as European countries



**Mark Story, of Houston, cooks hot dogs and hamburgers for friends and family as they tailgate before an NCAA college football game between SMU and TCU, in Fort Worth, Texas. On the eve of the World Series, where hot dogs are a staple in the stands, the World Health Organization on Monday, Oct. 26, 2015 labeled the all-American wiener, bacon and other processed meats as being "carcinogenic to humans."**

(AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

where sausages are savored and smoked ham is a national delicacy.

And they could hurt the American meat industry, which is arguing vigorously against linking their products with cancer, contending that the disease involves a number of lifestyle and environmental factors. While U.S. rates of colon cancer have been declining, it is the No. 2 cancer for women worldwide and No. 3 for men, according to the WHO. A group of 22 scientists from the IARC evaluated more than 800 stud-

ies from several continents about meat and cancer. The studies looked at more than a dozen types of cancer in populations with diverse diets over the past 20 years. Based on that analysis, the IARC classified processed meat as "carcinogenic to humans," noting links in particular to colon cancer. It said red meat contains some important nutrients, but still labeled it "probably carcinogenic," with links to colon, prostate and pancreatic cancers. The agency made no specific dietary recommen-

dations and said it did not have enough data to define how much processed meat is too dangerous. But it said the risk rises with the amount consumed.

An analysis of 10 of the studies suggested that a 50-gram portion of processed meat daily — or about 1.75 ounces — increases the risk of colorectal cancer over a lifetime by about 18 percent. An ounce and three-quarters is roughly equivalent to a hot dog or a few slices of bologna, though it depends on how thinly it is sliced. □

## Ole Miss removes Mississippi flag with Confederate mark

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**Associated Press**

**OXFORD, Mississippi (AP)**

— The University of Mississippi quietly took down the state flag on Monday, heeding the calls of those who say its divisive Confederate battle emblem is harming the school's future in an age of diversity.

Interim Chancellor Morris Stocks waited until the flag was gone before announcing he had ordered it taken down and sent to the university's archives. Campus police officers furled it from the flagpole where it flew under the U.S. flag, between the white-columned main administration building and a marble statue of a saluting Confederate soldier.

Days earlier, the student and faculty senates voted to urge its removal from the Oxford campus, a bastion for Southern elites since its founding in 1848. A group of university leaders then met Sunday night and agreed to take it down.

"Because the flag remains Mississippi's official banner, this was a hard decision. I understand the flag represents tradition and honor to some. But to others, the flag means that some members of the Ole Miss family are not welcomed or valued," Stock's statement said.

What became a lasting symbol of the rebel South and is now known as the "Confederate flag" or "rebel flag" is the rectangular version of the Confederate Army battle flag — a star-studded blue 'X' overlaying a red field. This version was flown by various Confederate Army units, including the biggest, Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The flag is used to honor Confederate war dead and is embraced by many white Southerners who say it symbolizes Southern and ancestral pride. Parts of its design were incorporated into the state flag of South Carolina. □

## Hot dog makers, meat sellers shake off WHO report

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**NEW YORK (AP)**

Hot dog makers and meat sellers say a report from the World Health Organization labeling wieners, bacon and other processed meats as cancer-causers is baloney. WHO said Monday that processed meats raised the risk of colon, stomach and other cancers. It also said red meat probably contributes to the disease, too.

Meat eaters at a New York food court mostly shrugged off the report Monday. And Wall Street investors

seemed to do the same, with shares of meat producers little changed.

The North American Meat Institute, which represents meat producers, said the report was "alarmist."

"Classifying red and processed meat as cancer 'hazards' defies both common sense and numerous studies showing no correlation between meat and cancer," the association said in a statement.

Hormel Foods, which sells Spam, sliced bacon and canned chili, said the report "did not look at the benefits of meat consumption,"


which it cited as including "important nutrients" and "high quality proteins."

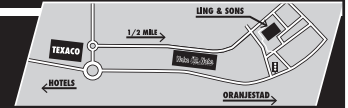
But Hormel may also be preparing for a shift in consumers eating less processed foods. Earlier this year it paid \$775 million to buy Applegate Farms, which sells organic deli meats, hot dogs and bacon, and doesn't use antibiotics, hormones, artificial ingredients or chemical preservatives. Shares of Hormel Foods Corp. fell 1 percent Monday, as did shares of Kraft Heinz Co., which makes Oscar Mayer hot dogs. Shares of Tyson Foods Inc.,

the maker of Ball Park hot dogs, Jimmy Dean sausage and Hillshire Farm ham, fell nearly 5 percent, but that was attributed more to a research report from a JPMorgan Chase analyst that said Tyson is losing market share to competitors.

Whether Americans will stay away from hot dogs, bacon and other meaty treats remains to be seen. Visitors at a food court in New York's Penn Station, which houses a Nathan's Famous hot dog restaurant, mostly said the WHO report won't change what they eat. □



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## US Financial Front:

# American new home sales fall sharply in September

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales

of new homes plunged sharply in September to the slowest pace in 10 months, as higher prices and slower overall economic growth weigh on the housing market. The Commerce Department said Monday that new-home sales slumped 11.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 468,000, the lowest level since November of 2014. September's drop ended a two-month streak of accelerating sales. Americans' zeal for newly built homes took off this year — yet now appears close to having topped out. Solid hiring over the past three years has improved many family balance sheets, while rising home prices has returned equity to current homeowners now seeking to upgrade to new residential developments. Sales of new homes have soared 17.6 percent during the first nine months of 2015. But global pressures be-

gan to exert a downward pull on economic growth in recent months. Those pressures could be spread to the housing market if the drop in sales of new homes leads to a decline in construction. "A stronger pace of sales will need to be seen for the recent stronger pace of single-family housing starts to be sustained," said Ted Wieseman, an economist at Morgan Stanley.

Job gains slowed in September, while profit margins for many of the largest U.S. businesses with a global footprint stopped growing. The stronger dollar has punished exports abroad and cheaper oil prices have forced energy firms to cut workers and slash orders for pipeline and equipment. The slowdown has yet to hit sales of existing homes as drastically, but the September pullback in newly built properties was severe. Purchases of new homes slid in the Midwest, South and West, but plummeted a stiff 61.8 percent in the Northeast.



A 'sold' sign is posted in front of a new home under construction in Mechanicsville, Va. Sales of new homes plunged sharply in September to the slowest pace in 10 months, according to Commerce Department report released Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, as higher prices and slower overall economic growth weigh on the housing market.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

Prices have climbed sharply as well, making new construction less affordable for would-be buyers. The median new-home sales price has jumped 13.5 percent from a year ago to \$296,900. The housing market has ad-

vanced from the depths of the Great Recession, although it has yet to fully recover from the bursting of the housing bubble and the 2008 financial crisis. Sales of new homes remain below the 52-year historic average of 655,200.

The drop in sales increases the supply of new homes on the market. The Commerce Department said 5.8 months' supply of homes were available at the end of September, compared to a scant 4.9 months a month ago. □

## United Auto Workers, General Motors reach contract agreement

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DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers union and General Motors Co. have reached a tentative agreement on a new four-year contract, avoiding a strike for now.

The UAW said the agreement was reached at 11:43 p.m. Sunday, 16 minutes before the deadline it had set to either reach an agreement or call a strike at GM's U.S. plants.

Details of the proposed contract weren't immedi-

ately available. The UAW said local union leaders will meet Wednesday in Detroit to vote on the tentative agreement. If they approve it, GM's U.S. hourly workers will vote on it.

The agreement covers 52,600 U.S. auto workers at 63 GM facilities in the U.S. UAW President Dennis Williams said the proposed deal will provide "long-term, significant wage gains and job security benefits now and in the future." The union also hinted that this agreement — like a

contract passed last week by Fiat Chrysler workers — gradually will eliminate a much-hated two-tier wage system in the plants.

GM said in a statement that the agreement benefits employees but still provides flexibility to the company. The company said it would not comment further until the agreement is ratified. The union told GM on Saturday that it would terminate its contract just before midnight Sunday. The UAW made a similar strike threat in discussions with

Fiat Chrysler, but negotiators also were able to avoid a walkout then.

On Thursday, union members at Fiat Chrysler voted to approve a four-year contract that includes pay raises and phases out the two-tier wage system over eight years.

Williams indicated that the union wanted even better deals from GM and Ford Motor Co. because they are more profitable. The UAW hasn't yet reached a tentative agreement with Ford.

GM reported last week that it earned \$1.36 billion in the third quarter, including a record \$3.3 billion pretax profit in North America on strong sales of trucks and SUVs. The company overcame \$1.5 billion in costs from recalls over deadly ignition switches and beat Wall Street profit forecasts by a wide margin. Executives said they believe they can negotiate a union deal that lets GM maintain 10 percent pretax profit margins in North America. □



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## Over 260 dead as earthquake strikes Afghanistan, Pakistan



People stand near a car damaged from an earthquake in Peshawar, Pakistan, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. A powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake in northern Afghanistan rocked cities across South Asia. Strong tremors were felt in Kabul, New Delhi and Islamabad on Monday. In the Pakistani capital, walls swayed back and forth and people poured out of office buildings in a panic, reciting verses from the Quran.

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**Associated Press**

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— A massive earthquake struck remote and impoverished regions of northern Afghanistan and Pakistan

on Monday, killing at least 263 people as it shook buildings across South Asia and knocked out power and communications to already-isolated areas. The 7.5-magnitude quake was centered deep be-

(AP Photo/Mohammad Sajjad)

neath the Hindu Kush mountains in Afghanistan's sparsely populated Badakhshan province, which borders Pakistan, Tajikistan and China, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

In the Afghan capital of

Kabul, buildings shook for up to 45 seconds, walls cracked and cars rolled in the streets as electricity went out.

Frightened workers who had just returned from lunch also rushed from swaying buildings in the Pakistani capital of Islamabad and to the south in the Indian capital of New Delhi.

"I was praying when the massive earthquake rattled my home. I came out in a panic," said Munir Anwar of Liaquat Pur in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province.

At least 228 people were killed in Pakistan, with more than 1,000 injured,

while Afghan officials reported 33 dead and more than 200 injured, and authorities in the Indian-controlled Kashmir region reported two deaths.

Officials expected the casualty toll to rise as they reached the remote areas. Authorities struggled to reach the hardest-hit areas in Afghanistan near the epicenter, located 73 kilometers (45 miles) south of Fayzabad, the capital of

Badakhshan province.

Abdul Humayoon Dehqan, the head of the National Disaster Management Authority's provincial office, said he knew of only 12 dead and 20 injured in the province, mostly in collapsed buildings, and that his teams would not reach affected areas until Tuesday morning to get a better count.

Despite vast mineral deposits, Badakhshan is one of Afghanistan's poorest provinces.

It is often hit by earthquakes, but casualty figures are usually low because it is so sparsely populated, with fewer than 1 million people spread across its vast mountains and valleys.

It also suffers from floods, snowstorms and mudslides. Taliban-led insurgents have used its remote valleys as cover recently to seize districts as they spread their footprint across the country.

Dehqan said some districts remain under Taliban control "and we don't know how we will be able to help people in those areas." □

## UK's House of Lords hands Cameron defeat on tax credit cuts

**GREGORY KATZ**

**JILL LAWLESS**

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Britain's

unelected House of Lords on Monday dealt a strong defeat to the government of Prime Minister David Cameron by voting to delay a cut in tax credits.

The 307 to 277 vote in favor of halting the cuts puts the House of Lords in a rare clash with the House of Commons, which backed the measure supported by Cameron and his ministers

as part of the deficit reduction plan. The cuts would affect tax credits for parents and people in low-income jobs. The Labour Party and a number of Conservative lawmakers oppose the cuts arguing that backing the measure would weaken the party's claim to represent working people.

After an emotional debate, the House of Lords took the unusual step of refusing to back a Commons' vote involving fiscal matters. The Lords traditionally let the

lower House of Commons' position on finances stand. In the House of Commons, Conservative Party lawmaker Edward Leigh said the rights of legislators are being trampled by the unelected Lords.

"Not for 100 years has the House of Lords defied this elected House," he said after the Lords' vote tally was announced. Critics said as many as 3 million people would be worse off under the proposed changes, the latest in a string of govern-

ment spending cuts that are part of the austerity plan enacted by Cameron and Treasury chief George Osborne. The government had claimed the cuts will be offset by other measures, including a higher minimum wage.

By tradition, the House of Lords can only revise, and not overturn, legislation passed by the Commons. But the tax-credit changes take the form of new regulations rather than a new law, so members of the

Lords asserted they have the power to stop them.

Labour Treasury spokesman John McDonnell had urged the government to do a "U-turn" on the measures to protect British workers.

"These are people who go to work, look after their kids, do everything asked of them and they are going to lose, on average, about 1,300 pounds (\$2,000) a year," he said.

Cameron insisted this week that the cuts were necessary. □



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# Migrant Balkan surge continues amid EU attempt to slow it



A man holds a boy and laughs as he waits with hundreds of other migrants for registration at the central registration center for refugees and asylum-seekers in Berlin, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. Thousands of people who fled war and look for a better life are trying to reach central and northern Europe via the Balkans, but often have to wait for days in mud and rain at the Serbian, Croatian and Slovenian borders.

(AP Photo/Markus Schreiber)

DUSAN STOJANOVIC

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP) —

With freezing weather setting in, tens of thousands of migrants surging across Europe could face even more hurdles after European Union leaders pledged to stem their flow by introducing tighter border controls.

EU leaders committed at a weekend summit to helping the Balkans handle the flow of people making their way through the region en route to more prosperous countries. But with record numbers arriving from the Middle East, Asia and Africa, the moves will likely make their journeys more difficult.

On Monday, thousands of people, including many women, children and elderly, waited in long lines at the Croatian and Slovenia borders as the flow of humanity continued unabated.

"It is not difficult for me, but for people with families and children, it is so hard," said a 19-year-old Afghan,

Habibi Loh.

Humanitarian officials warned of plummeting winter temperatures.

"In the short term, the situation is manageable," said Antonija Zaniuk of the Slovenian Red Cross. "We have a lot of winter clothing, blankets. We are distributing cups of tea, food. But, in the long term, who knows."

In a statement seeking to paper over deep divisions about how to handle the crisis, the EU and Balkan leaders meeting in Brussels committed to bolster the borders of Greece as it struggles to cope with the wave of refugees who cross over through Turkey. They also pledged to boost the capacities of reception centers in Greece and along the Balkans route to shelter 100,000 more people as winter looms and additional EU border watchdog agency officials are deployed to monitor the flow.

"This is a step in the right direction and now it is crucial to respect the com-

mitments," said Slovenian Prime Minister Miro Cerar, whose tiny Alpine nation has been overwhelmed since Hungary put up a fence on the border with Serbia and Croatia, diverting the flow to Slovenia.

Slovenia has hinted that it will build a fence on the border with Croatia if the migrant surge becomes too difficult to handle.

"OK, place a fence, but if you are not ready to shoot at the people, it will not stop anyone," Croatian Interior Minister Ranko Ostojic said amid a spat between the two neighbors over

how to handle the crisis.

Croatian police said that as of early Monday, more than 13,000 migrants had arrived from Serbia over the previous 24 hours, while Slovenian police reported nearly 10,000 arrivals from Croatia in the same period. Further west, in Austria, some 3,500 people had to sleep outside in the cold fall weather, while Germany said it had seen 15,000 arrivals over the weekend. Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic warned that addressing the crisis will take time.

"We will all be able to

achieve some results in the coming weeks and months," he said. "But, it is clear that this crisis cannot be solved in a few weeks or months, but will improve step by step."

Sunday's meeting was called in response to a string of chaotic actions taken by countries along the route. With no real ability to control Greece's porous island border or stop people leaving Turkey for sanctuary or jobs in Europe, the EU wants to restore some order and apply the brakes on those passing through. □

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## Officials say bombing targets Shiite pilgrims, killing 7

**VIVIAN SALAMA**  
**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — A man wearing an explosive belt attacked a tent serving refreshments to pilgrims in Baghdad observing an annual Shiite ritual Monday, killing at least seven people, officials said.

The attack happened in Baghdad's eastern al-Shaab neighborhood. Two police officers were among

the dead, a police official said. At least 19 people were wounded in the attack.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, in a communique distributed on Twitter Monday, identifying the attacker as "Abu Thabit."

The statement could not immediately be verified but the Twitter accounts used are known to be connect-

ed to the extremist group. The Islamic State group has already claimed a number of attacks on pilgrims and other Shiite gatherings since the start of the holy period of Muharrem, commemorating the death of the Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammed and an iconic Shiite martyr.

The group has also frequently targeted members

of the Iraqi security forces as it seeks to destabilize the Shiite-led government in its push to expand its self-styled caliphate.

Elsewhere in the capital, another three people were killed in two separate attacks.

The first happened in Madain, a neighborhood in southeast Baghdad. Police said a roadside bomb detonated outside a strip

of restaurants killing two people and wounding at least 11.

Also in the southern neighborhood of Latifiyah, an improvised explosive device triggered next to a passing military vehicle, killing one soldier and wounding five. Hospital official corroborated all the casualties. The officials spoke anonymously as they were not authorized to brief the media. □

## Israel premier orders review of status for east Jerusalem

**JOSEF FEDERMAN**  
**Associated Press**

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered a review of the status of certain Palestinian neighborhoods in east Jerusalem, an official confirmed Monday, a decision that could potentially strip tens of thousands of Palestinians of their Israeli residency rights.

Such a move is unlikely to overcome Israeli legal hurdles, but the very prospect has unnerved Palestinians in the city. The review comes after weeks of Israeli-Palestinian violence, much of it concentrated in east Jerusalem, the section of the city claimed by the Palestinians for their future capital. Many of the Palestinian attackers involved in deadly assaults came from east Jerusalem



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the official memorial ceremony marking the 20th anniversary of the assassination of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the Mt. Herzl Cemetery in Jerusalem, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015.

(Debbie Hill/Pool Photo via AP)

neighborhoods. Any move to change the status of the city's Palestinians would threaten unleashing new

unrest and draw international condemnations. The current round of violence began last month

with clashes at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site, a hilltop compound in the Old City that is revered by Jews and Muslims. The clashes quickly spread to other areas of east Jerusalem, across Israel and into the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In all, 10 Israelis have been killed, mostly in stabbings, while 52 Palestinians, including 30 identified by Israel as attackers, have been killed by Israeli fire. Palestinian neighborhoods in east Jerusalem have experienced frequent clashes between stone-throwing youths and Israeli security forces.

The Israeli official said that Netanyahu recently ordered a review of Palestinian neighborhoods located outside of Israel's West Bank separate barrier. Roughly one third of the city's Pal-

estinian population, about 100,000 people, live outside the barrier.

Israel captured east Jerusalem and the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war. It immediately annexed east Jerusalem as part of its capital in a move that has never been internationally recognized.

Few Palestinians accepted Israeli citizenship, fearing it would recognize Israeli occupation, and the vast majority now holds residency rights. As residents, they enjoy freedom of movement, the right to work in Israel and access to Israeli social services and health care. But Palestinians claim that this status is fragile, noting that people can be stripped of residency if they leave the city for extended periods of time. Israeli rights groups, □

## Suicide bomb rocks Saudi Arabia mosque, killing at least 1

**ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI**  
**Associated Press**

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)** — A suicide bomber detonated his explosives at a mosque in southern Saudi Arabia on Monday, killing one person and wounding several others, according to the Saudi Interior Ministry. The blast went off shortly after nightfall in the city of

Najran, near the country's southern border with Yemen. It was the latest in a series of bombings that have targeted mosques in the oil-rich kingdom in recent months.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said the bomber detonated his device as worshippers were leaving sunset prayers.

He said several wounded victims were being treated in nearby hospitals, and that authorities have launched an investigation. Najran is the capital of a border region of the same name that is home to a large concentration of the Sunni-ruled kingdom's Ismaili Shiite minority. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for

the blast. Suspicion is likely to fall on the Islamic State militant group.

It considers Shiites to be heretics and seeks to weaken the ruling Al-Saud family's legitimacy and custodianship of Islam's holiest sites in Mecca and Medina.

The group's two Saudi affiliates have claimed three

significant bombings, targeting mosques in Saudi Arabia and another in neighboring Kuwait since May.

The most recent happened in August when a suicide bomber blew himself up at a mosque inside a police compound in the southern city of Abha, some 350 miles south of the holy city of Mecca. □





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## After surprising election, top 2 Argentine candidates reset



Top opposition presidential candidate Mauricio Macri speaks to supporters following election results in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina  
(AP) — The top two presi-

dential candidates in Argentina reset their campaigns on Monday after a razor-close election vote forced a runoff and cast doubt on the legacy of President Cristina Fernandez, a polarizing leader who spent heavily on programs for the poor but made enemies with her brash style and failure to solve economic ills. Sunday's presidential election shook up the political landscape. Numerous polls in recent months had projected that ruling party candidate Daniel Scioli would win by 10 percent or more.

Scioli, the governor of the Buenos Aires province, had been viewed as an easy front-runner thanks to the support of Fernandez, a charismatic two-term president. Fernandez won admirers for rewriting the South American country's

social contract but also drew sharp criticism for widespread allegations of corruption in her administration and for fights with political opponents and other nations that many Argentines found tiresome. With 97 percent of polling places reporting Monday, Scioli had 36.9 percent of the vote, while opposition candidate Mauricio Macri had 34.3 percent. That forces a second round, since to win in the first round a candidate needs 45 percent or 40 percent and a 10-point advantage over the nearest competitor. "A runoff will be like reshuffling the cards and dealing again," said Mariel Foroni, director of consulting firm Management & Fit. "The political landscape will be very different on Nov. 22" Scioli reminded supporters on Monday that he captured the most votes, and warned that Macri would undo popular state programs.

"Sometimes the word

'change' can be attractive in politics," said Scioli, arguing that the state should continue to have a strong hand in Argentine society. Scioli also invited Macri to a debate, an about-face after refusing to debate the other five candidates a few weeks ago.

Macri called the vote "transformative," and promised to convince voters who didn't choose him on Sunday.

"We will correct the abuses and the fraud of inflation," Macri said, reiterating one of his common themes.

Over the next month, both candidates will be heavily courting Sergio Massa. The former Fernandez loyalist came in third on Sunday, garnering 21.3 percent of the vote.

The potential kingmaker

remained mum on Monday about who he might support. Negotiations between him and Macri before the election fell apart. Even with an eventual endorsement from Massa, who his supporters might vote for in November is an open question. Like Massa, they are adherents of Peronism, a movement aligned with the working class founded by three-time former president Juan Peron, who have become disgruntled with Fernandez's rule.

Many Argentines are worried about high government spending and inflation around 30 percent. Many have also grown tired of a legal fight with creditors in the U.S. that has kept the country out of international credit markets. □

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A member of the European Union Election Observation Mission observes electoral workers counting ballots at a tabulation center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. Final results are not expected until late November, according to the country's Provisional Electoral Council.

(AP Photo/Ricardo Arduengo)

## Haiti faces long wait for election results

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti's voters have spoken. But nobody's quite sure what they've said.

Even tentative results of Sunday's presidential election likely won't be known for at least 10 days, despite the fact that the election, which involved 54 presidential candidates and tens of thousands of contenders for other races, went unusually smoothly.

Few places in the world take longer to give citizens any hint of who won an election.

One reason is that it's against the law for results to be released by anyone other than the Provisional Electoral Council, whose members are replaced every election cycle.

"A lot of the learning that is accrued every time they go through an election process seems to be lost," said Kenneth Merten, Haiti special coordinator for the

U.S. State Department and a former U.S. ambassador to the country.

Haitian and international rights groups said Sunday's vote was largely free of the violence and disorder that has plagued previous elections, including the first round of legislative elections in August.

Haiti appears to be "moving in the right direction," said Celso Amorim, chief of the Organization of American States' 125-member observer mission.

But watchdog groups said they are trying to keep a close eye on transportation and count of ballots.

Under guard by Haitian police and U.N. peacekeepers, Sunday's ballots and polling-place counts were being trucked from the countryside across often-dilapidated roads to a warehouse tabulation center in the capital of Port-au-Prince on Monday.

"Fraud can occur especially during the transportation and certification

of ballots," said Abdonel Doudou, a member of the umbrella group Citizen Observatory for Institutionalizing Democracy, which deployed 1,830 observers across the country on election day.

The Observatory estimated turnout at perhaps 29 or 32 percent, an improvement from the 18 percent turnout in August's parliamentary elections. Years of broken promises by governments that have failed to provide basic services have fed significant voter apathy in Haiti.

Richardson Dumel, spokesman for Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council, said preliminary results could be issued in 10 days. Final results are not expected until late November, at least, due to political factions contesting tallies.

Despite the relatively orderly voting across the nation of some 10 million people, there were some logistical problems and allegations of fraud. □

## TV comic Jimmy Morales wins Guatemala presidential runoff

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Associated Press

**GUATEMALA CITY (AP)** — Now that former comedian Jimmy Morales has ridden a tide of voter frustration to win Guatemala's presidency, it remained unclear Monday about what political neophyte might do once in office.

So far he's given few clues, beyond hinting at reviving a dormant border dispute with neighboring Belize, or attaching GPS locating devices to teachers to ensure they're in class.

Morales' campaign was heavy on style and light on concrete policy proposals and as landslide vote numbers rolled in on Sunday night, his campaign headquarters looked a lot like a TV variety show, with a band and dancers.

His biggest campaign pledge — like that of nearly all other candidates — was to fight the entrenched corruption that forced the resignation of his predecessor, Otto Perez Molina, but Morales has spoken little about his own party's ties to some of the most conservative sectors of Guatemala's military, which has been struggling to avoid being held accountable for massacres committed during the country's 1960-1996 civil war.

"Jimmy Morales has no concrete plans to fight corruption, or anything else, for that matter. He just doesn't have any," said political analyst Renzo Rosal, who thinks the average voter went for Morales because "it's better to have him, than the other gang of thieves."

He predicted that Morales, whose nationalistic National Convergence Front won few seats in Congress, will wind up cobbling together alliances with the very ruling elite that was targeted by mass anti-corruption protests this summer.

National Convergence itself was founded by retired army officers, some of whom have been implicated in rights abuses during the 1960-1996 civil war that pitted the army against leftist guerrillas. Former military dictator Efraim Rios Montt is fighting genocide charges for his role in the conflict, in which 200,000 died.

Morales has sought to distance himself from the officers who founded the party, but one of them, Col. Edgar Ovalle, was a close campaign adviser and will head the party's tiny, 11-member contingent in the 158-seat Congress.

Morales caused alarm in neighboring Belize, which has had a long territorial dispute with Guatemala, when he appeared on a television cooking show and said, "We are on the point of losing Belize."

As he concentrated on chopping a tomato, Morales told host Beatriz Colmenares that Guatemala can still go to international courts where "we can fight for that territory, or at least a part of that territory," though he clearly was speaking only of diplomatic action. □





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AP Golf Writer

Golfers no longer face automatic disqualification for two violations, including an incorrect scorecard, under the latest set of rules that reflect a little more leniency in handing out penalties. The Royal & Ancient Golf Club and U.S. Golf Association announced changes to the 2016 edition of the Rules of Golf, which is updated every four years. Players will avoid disqualification if the incorrect scorecard is the result of penalty strokes they didn't know about when they finished their rounds. The penalty also was softened for players using artificial devices, such as training aids, in the middle of the round. The new rules take effect Jan. 1. The most notable addition was Rule 14-1b, which bans an anchored stroke used primarily for long putters. That already went through an exhaustive discussion and debate two years ago, along with some protesting from the PGA of America that it would keep some recreational golfers from playing. Changes were made to 18 of the 34 rules. Most of them were tweaks, though there were two instances when the penalty no longer is disqualification.

"I think we would take the view that we're certainly always looking to apply proportionate penalties, and we're very conscious that disqualification is a very serious situation," said David Rickman, executive director of rules and equipment standards for the R&A.

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## ROYAL TREATMENT



## Volquez to start World Series opener for Royals

Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Edinson Volquez reacts after walking Toronto Blue Jays' Jose Bautista to load the bases during the sixth inning in Game 5 of baseball's American League Championship Series on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015, in Toronto.

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## NBA: West is wild, Cavs seem to stand above in East

**BY BRIAN MAHONEY**  
**AP BASKETBALL WRITER**

Kevin Durant is back in uniform, LaMarcus Aldridge is back home in Texas and the Golden State Warriors are back intact.

All over the Western Conference, there are teams who look capable of winning it.

In the East, one team appears to stand out - and maybe it's finally Cleveland's time to stand above everybody else in the NBA.

The Cavaliers, who fell just short last season, have big goals and a bigger payroll as they try to finally bring a title to their championship-starved city.

"Yes, we were able to get to where we wanted to get to, but we didn't close the deal," LeBron James said. "So we look forward to the opportunity once again to be able to go out there and continue to try to play at a high level."

The Cavs might not look like championship material when they open the season Tuesday night at Chicago, with James battling a bad back in the preseason, Kevin Love only recently returning from shoulder surgery and Kyrie Irving still recovering from knee surgery.

But they have the pieces, after shelling out big bucks to assemble one of the most expensive teams in NBA history, to get the job done this time.

"The Cavaliers, man, they are loaded," TNT's Charles Barkley said. "I just want to see them healthy."



**Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, right, dribbles around Denver Nuggets' Emmanuel Mudiay during the second half of an NBA preseason basketball game Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, in Oakland, Calif.**

The Warriors were too good for them and everyone else last season, winning 67 games in Steve Kerr's first season as coach. Kerr will miss the opener Tuesday while recovering from back surgery but MVP Stephen Curry and every other important piece from last season is back.

"What's great about us, we're all so competitive, that I don't think complacency will be an issue," All-Star Klay Thompson said. "But we love having the bullet on our back."

Many of their pursuers return stronger, with Oklahoma City getting former MVP Durant back from

last season's broken foot. Aldridge left Portland for San Antonio and a spot on a tantalizing front line next to Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard, while Houston (Ty Lawson) and the Los Angeles Clippers (Paul Pierce) added potential missing pieces.

Memphis will be rough and tough as always and New Orleans has a top talent on his way to dominance in Anthony Davis, making it impossible to predict the path in the West. There were seven 50-game winners there last season, and count on Oklahoma City getting there after finishing with 45 mostly on the back

of Russell Westbrook while Durant was sidelined.

The West may be wild, but drama is harder to envision back East. The Cavs might only be vulnerable until they're healed and whole. "I think it does give the Chicago Bulls an opportunity if they're able to get off to a quick start to maybe challenge Cleveland for the top seed in the East, but at the end of the day, it's still going to be hard if Cleveland is healthy at the end of the year to beat them in a seven-game series," ESPN's Jeff Van Gundy said.

"So they've got a really good shot at winning it all." Other things to watch this

season:

### **LAST CALL FOR KOBE?**

Back from a couple of injured-shortened seasons, Kobe Bryant begins his 20th and perhaps final NBA season. He's 37 and entering the final year of his contract, and said even he doesn't know if this is his last season with the Lakers, or as a player.

### **COLLEGES TO CON- TENDERS:**

Oklahoma City and Chicago had successful runs under their previous coaches, then dipped into the college ranks when they decided it was time for a change. Billy Donovan finally left Florida to take the Thunder job, Fred Hoiberg went from Iowa State to the Bulls, and both will have to adapt to the pro game quickly on teams that are built to contend for titles now.

### **HOPING FOR HEALTH:**

From Bryant to Durant, Carmelo Anthony to Chris Bosh, too many superstars had to shut it down early last season for health reasons. The NBA is trying to do its part to help players stay healthier, trimming back-to-backs to a record low of fewer than 18 per team.

**THE BOSS IS WATCHING:** The U.S. plans to pick its Olympic team without a tryout, naming its 12-player roster sometime around the June draft.

So this season is the last chance to make an impression on USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo and coach Mike Krzyzewski. □



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## Fearsome foursome: Mets' young aces take on Royals in series

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK  
AP BASEBALL WRITER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -- Anyone arriving a little early to a New York Mets game this season has probably witnessed "The Walk." Matt Harvey, Jacob deGrom or another emerging ace striding in from the bullpen following pregame warmups, with pitching coach Dan Warthen right alongside - and the rest of that fearless rotation trailing just behind.

For opposing hitters, it's become an imposing march to impending doom.

"We have a lot of weapons," Harvey said Monday. Riding four young starters all the way through October, the hard-throwing Mets are ready to fire their best stuff at the Kansas City Royals in the 111th World Series.

Game 1 is Tuesday night at Kauffman Stadium, with Harvey set to face Edinson Volquez.

"I don't think any of us have really sat back and kind of realized what we can accomplish as a group," Harvey said. "Right now, it's about our team and about winning."

Kansas City came excruciatingly close to winning it all last year, losing Game 7 at home to Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants with the potential tying run 90 feet from home plate.

"That's pretty hard to swallow. That's going to stay with you for a while," Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas said. "I think the only way to get rid of that feeling is to go out this year and finish the deal."

With cohesion and camaraderie in mind, deGrom said New York's starters began watching each other warm up during spring



From left, New York Mets pitchers Steven Matz, Jacob deGrom and Matt Harvey and catcher Travis d'Arnaud walk off the field at the end of batting practice, Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, in New York. The Mets will face the Kansas City Royals in Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday.

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training, when they all needed to be out on the field for the national anthem anyway.

It's not an entirely unique practice - veteran teammate Kelly Johnson recalled St. Louis and Tampa Bay pitchers doing the same thing. But by the time rookies Noah Syndergaard and Steven Matz were called up from the minors, it was a signature part of the Mets' routine.

"It's just a great feeling to go out there and know that the other starting pitchers are out there supporting you as well," Syndergaard said. "It's kind of like we have almost our own little unit to support each other and push each other to be better."

As catcher Travis d'Arnaud put it: "It just shows that they have each other's back no matter what. They're always there for each other, good or bad."

There's been much more good than bad for New York's fantastic four under the pressure of their first postseason. Showing savvy, poise and grit that bely their limited experience, they've already pitched the Mets to their first National League pennant in 15 years.

Now, they want the ultimate prize.

"We all have a mission to win this last series," said Matz, the Long Island lefty living out every boy's wildest dreams after growing up a Mets fan about 50 miles from Citi Field.

"There's still work to do," deGrom echoed.

Last season's NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom goes in Game 2 against enigmatic Royals newcomer Johnny Cueto. After winning 14 games this season, deGrom went 3-0 with a 1.80 ERA in three playoff outings.

When the series shifts back

home to Citi Field, the Mets will turn to Syndergaard and Matz in that order - making them the first team since the 1997 Marlins (Livan Hernandez and Tony Saunders) to start two rookie pitchers in the World Series, according to STATS.

"I think we're all pretty mature when it comes to going out there and stepping on the mound," Syndergaard said.

The quartet has combined for only 147 career regular-season starts, by far the fewest for a World Series foursome, STATS said.

Three of them already had Tommy John surgery, yet the Mets were the hardest-throwing staff in the majors this year.

"You're talking about a handful of guys that not only succeeded in matching the expectations that New York had for them, which is difficult in itself, but surpassing them - all at the

same time," captain David Wright said.

Underneath the long locks and catchy, comic-book nicknames like Thor (Syndergaard), The Dark Knight (Harvey) and The deGrominator, these precocious Mets pitchers have winning stuff in spades.

New York's starters serve up much more than 95-100 mph fastballs, too. All of them have rapidly honed polished off-speed pitches and fine-tuned their ability to locate them precisely.

"These guys are going to be really good. And this experience is going to make them that much better," Mets manager Terry Collins said recently. "They're not just throwers, they're legitimate guys."

And now, those prized, electric arms New York rebuilt around have arrived on baseball's biggest stage. They'll take on a determined and experienced Royals team that thrives on making consistent contact at the plate.

"There's only two teams left," Kansas City manager Ned Yost said. "The whole world is watching." □



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# Earnhardt only bright spot after Talladega ending

**BY JENNA FRYER**  
**AP AUTO RACING WRITER**  
**TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP)**

-- Thank goodness Dale Earnhardt Jr. showed dignity in defeat after he was bounced from NASCAR's playoffs.

The class shown by NASCAR's most popular driver in not criticizing the outcome was the one takeaway from a disastrous ending to Sunday's elimination race at Talladega Superspeedway. At least four drivers accused series champion Kevin Harvick of manipulating the finish, and an overwhelming pro-Earnhardt crowd left dissatisfied when a change to the rules prevented him from racing for the win.

It was a win he had to have, too, to advance into the third round of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. But NASCAR said last week that in an effort to maintain some semblance of safety, it would make just one attempt to finish the race under the green flag instead of the usual three tries. Earnhardt supported the decision before the race, and didn't change his mind after Harvick hooked Trevor Bayne on the restart to trigger an 11-car crash that froze the field before Earnhardt had a chance to chase leader Joey Logano into the first turn.

"I feel like no matter the rules, when the race is over, I can live with the result as long as everyone else is going by the same rules," Earnhardt said. "Per the rule book, it sorted out and I finished second. I'm OK



**Sprint Cup Series driver Kevin Harvick (4) drives past a wreck involving Sprint Cup Series driver Tony Stewart (14), David Gilliland (38), Danica Patrick (10) Trevor Bayne (6) during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, in Talladega, Ala. Associated Press**

with that."

His fans showered Logano's car with beer cans.

Their anger may have been misdirected.

Harvick knew he had a problem with his engine and knew his car likely wouldn't go on the restart. Had he forfeited his position in the running order - a move one would only do as a courtesy to avoid a potential pileup - it's likely the reigning series champion would have plummeted in the standings and have been eliminated from the Chase.

So he was told over his team radio to block as many cars as he could on the restart, an attempt to cling to the best finish possible. Instead, Bayne shot around Harvick's slowed car then tried to cut back in front of him to get back in line. The in-

car camera appears to show Harvick looking constantly in his rearview mirror in an apparent effort to ward off any more cars. The replay, though, seems to indicate he turned right into Bayne's bumper to spin him and bring out the race-ending caution. Among those questioning Harvick's intent were Bayne and David Gilliland. Far more direct in their accusation of race manipulation were Joe Gibbs Racing drivers Matt Kenseth and Denny Hamlin, who were both eliminated from the playoffs when the caution flag came out.

NASCAR has so far said only that its review of the incident showed Harvick did nothing on purpose.

Doesn't matter, though. It's a bad look for the champ, who already this Chase has

shoved Jimmie Johnson, left without comment after running out of fuel at New Hampshire and then was accused by other teams of intentionally damaging his race-winning car at Dover to avoid a thorough NASCAR inspection.

NASCAR should be extremely sensitive to accusations of race manipulation, particularly since the 2013 fiasco at Richmond in which Michael Waltrip Racing used a series of maneuvers to put a driver in the Chase. It took NASCAR almost a week to sort out all the shenanigans and it was made clear by chairman Brian France that manipulating races was a very serious crime.

With MWR, there were several smoking guns of intent. This time, it's impossible to prove that Harvick delib-

erately turned right into Bayne to save his season.

And even if NASCAR wanted to punish Harvick, there's no easy cleanup. NASCAR can't undo the final restart, in which Hamlin was caught in the wreck. NASCAR also can't give Earnhardt and Kenseth the chance to race for the victory both needed to advance.

A points penalty against Harvick wouldn't do much. All he has to do is win one of the next three races - and this stretch includes Phoenix, where he's won four straight of five of six - to advance to the championship. But cleaning up the cloud surrounding Harvick is just one part of the problem. Talladega under no circumstances should be an elimination race because it's a crapshoot and simply not fair to drivers racing for the championship. With so much on the line, their fate shouldn't be so out of their control at the unpredictable, high-banked track.

NASCAR knew well before Sunday that the chances of the field successfully racing to the finish without wrecking were slim to none, so it altered the green-white-checkered flag rule for one particular race - and even that one attempt at finishing under green was useless. Since everyone knew a wreck was more than likely, why even bother with the charade? Just let the race finish under the original caution and save everyone the post-race headaches that seem to be a Talladega staple. □



**France's Adrian Mannarino returns a ball to Serbia's Viktor Troicki during their first round match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, on Monday, Oct. 26, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

## Nadal rallies from brink to beat Rosol at Swiss Indoors

**BASEL, Switzerland (AP)** — Rafael Nadal rallied from losing positions twice to beat Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic 1-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4) in the Swiss Indoors first round on Monday.

The 69th-ranked Rosol, who beat Nadal at Wimbledon in 2012, served for the match leading 5-4 in the second set but lost seven straight games.

Nadal then trailed 3-0 in the decisive tiebreaker before clinching a victory he celebrated with vigorous fist pumps.

"For me it was very difficult to adjust," said the seventh-seeded Spaniard, who played his first indoor match this season. "I tried to survive in that second set and wait for an opportunity."

Earlier, French qualifier Adrian Mannarino, beat Viktor Troicki of Serbia, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3), and Austria's Dominic Thiem beat Dutchman Robin Haase 0-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

In the late match, Donald Young of the United States beat wild-card entry Henri Laaksonen of Switzerland 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. □



# NFL: Judge's ruling for Tom Brady was 'unfathomable'

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- NFL lawyers told a federal appeals court in Manhattan on Monday that it was "unfathomable" that a judge could decide to lift New England quarterback Tom Brady's four-game suspension in the "Deflategate" controversy.

The lawyers said in papers filed with the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Judge Richard Berman reached an "inexplicable" conclusion when he determined that the league failed to adequately warn Brady of the potential suspension and made errors in its investigation that required him to nullify the penalty.

The league asked the appeals court to reverse the lower-court judge and reinstate the penalty that would have kept Brady out of the first four games of this season.

Berman's ruling came a week before the start of a season in which the Patriots are undefeated through six games. He found that the league's actions were "premised upon several

significant legal deficiencies." The appeals court isn't scheduled to hear oral arguments in the case before February, meaning this season will not be affected by any outcome.

Attorneys for the NFL Players Association didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Berman ruled after the NFL asked the court to find that it had acted appropriately in its investigation and handling of a controversy that arose after balls were believed to be improperly deflated prior to January's AFC championship game against the Indianapolis Colts. New England beat the Colts 45-7.

A league investigation found it was "more probable than not" that two Patriots ball handling employees deliberately released air from Patriots game balls. In upholding the findings in July, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell concluded Brady conspired with his team's ball handlers and tried to obstruct the league's probe, including by destroying his cellphone.

In its papers Monday, the

league said Goodell properly followed the collective bargaining agreement between the league and the union.

"His decision not only walked through all the evidence he considered and credited in painstaking detail, but also explained at length his efforts to determine how the CBA should be applied to the unprecedented situation before him," the lawyers wrote.

They said Berman ignored decades of legal precedents and approached the case through a "fundamentally flawed" analysis, refusing to accept Goodell's view of the facts. The lawyers wrote that the judge's finding that the league's conclusions were so far outside the bounds of what the contract allows that Goodell's decision must be nullified "is unfathomable."

"The district court egregiously overstepped the bounds of its proper role," the NFL said. "Where lower courts have committed a similar error, appellate courts have not hesitated to reverse. The court should do so here." □

## Ex-NFL star Eddie George to slip into 'Chicago' on Broadway

MARK KENNEDY  
AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former NFL star and Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George will make his Broadway debut in the musical "Chicago," tackling the role of fast-talking lawyer Billy Flynn.

George, who won the Heisman in 1995 and went on to a nine-year career in the NFL, leading the Tennessee Titans to Super Bowl XXXIV, will start work at the Ambassador Theatre beginning Jan. 11.

He's appeared in Matthew Lopez's "The Whipping Man" at the Nashville Repertory Theatre, Suzan-Lori Parks' "Topdog/Underdog" at Amun Ra Theatre, also in Nashville, and played both Othello and Julius Caesar at the Nashville Shakespeare Festival.

Set in the 1920s, "Chicago" is a scathing satire of how show business and the media make celebrities out of criminals. It has skimpy outfits and killer songs such as "All That Jazz" and "Cell Block Tango." □



In this Jan. 16, 2015, file photo, former Tennessee Titans running back Eddie George poses for photos at an urban improvement project designed and constructed by his landscape and design company, The Edge, in Nashville, Tenn.

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# Girardi's second-period goal lifts Rangers over Flames 4-1

**DENIS P. GORMAN**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Dan Girardi broke a deadlock late in the second period on a night when he passed Mark Messier for 10th on the Rangers' all-time games played list as New York beat the Calgary Flames 4-1 on Sunday.

Oscar Lindberg, Kevin Klein and Derick Brassard also scored. The Rangers (6-2-2) have won three of their last five and earned points in all five games.

Antti Raanta made 22 saves in New York's third of 17 back-to-back sets this season — the Rangers lost to the Flyers in a shootout Saturday night. New York has won six of its past seven against the Flames.

In his 769th game with New York, Girardi scored his first this season to put the Rangers ahead 2-1 with 3:03 left in the second. Recently demoted to the third defense pairing with Keith Yandle, Girardi snuck down to the right circle and snapped a rebound of Emerson Etem's shot past Jonas Hiller.

Jiri Hudler scored the Flames' lone goal.

**JETS 5, WILD 4**

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)**

— Drew Stafford scored twice and Blake Wheeler had two assists as Winni-



peg edged Minnesota.

Minnesota's Jason Zucker scored 10 seconds into the game, but then Winnipeg got five consecutive goals. Bryan Little tied it 1:22 into the first, Andrew Ladd scored about 2 minutes later and Nikolaj Ehlers made it 3-1 Jets (5-2-1) midway through the period.

Stafford scored 51 seconds into the second, chasing Wild goalie Darcy Kuemper. Stafford scored again on Devan Dubnyk just under 4 minutes later for his team-leading fifth goal this season.

Wheeler extended his season-opening point streak to a franchise-record eight games. Michael Hutchinson made 26 saves for Winnipeg.

Mikko Koivu, Justin Fontaine and Zach Parise also scored for Minnesota (5-2-1).

**KINGS 3, OILERS 2**

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)**

— Tanner Pearson broke a tie late in the third period with his first goal since

breaking his leg last season as Los Angeles beat Edmonton for its fifth straight win.

Pearson's power-play goal put the Kings ahead with 3:26 left. He found the rebound from Jake Muzzin's shot and slapped it past goalie Cam Talbot.

Connor McDavid nearly tied it for Edmonton with 5.2 seconds left, but Jonathan Quick sprawled to catch his backhand shot right at the goal line. A replay review upheld the no-goal call.

Pearson's score came fewer than 3 minutes after Taylor Hall tied it for Edmonton on the power play. Hall redirected a pass from Ryan Nugent-Hopkins for his third of the season.

Anze Kopitar and Jeff Carter also scored for the Kings. Drew Doughty had two assists.

McDavid set up Benoit Pouliot's first-period goal with an impressive sprint toward the net around a defender. □

**York Rangers defenseman Dan Girardi (5) checks Calgary Flames right wing David Jones (19) in the 3rd period of an NHL hockey game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015. The Rangers won 4-1.**

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"And the removal from competition is something that we should use judiciously and therefore only when appropriate. We feel that this is a step in that right direction."

One of those changes involved the scorecard.

Players still face disqualification if they sign for a lower score on a hole. However, the new exception to Rule 6-6d allows a player to avoid disqualification if the score includes a penalty that was discovered only after he signed his card.

Previously, players were disqualified if a violation was reported after the round because their scorecards did not account for the penalty strokes. Starting in 2016, players would have the penalty added to the hole, along with an addi-

tional two-shot penalty for the scorecard error.

One example was Camilo Villegas, who chipped up the slope to the 15th green at Kapalua in 2011, and the ball rolled back toward him. Villegas casually swatted away some loose pieces of grass in front of the divot as the ball was moving in that direction. The violation (23-1) was detected by a television viewer after the round. It was a two-shot penalty, and thus Villegas was disqualified for an incorrect card.

Under the new rule, Villegas would have four shots added to his score — two for the rules violation, two for the scorecard error. But he would remain in the tournament (unless the additional shots meant he missed the cut).

Rickman said the case of

Tiger Woods at the 2013 Masters does not apply.

Woods took an incorrect drop on the 15th hole of the second round. A former rules official saw it on TV and notified the Masters rules committee, which decided it was not a violation and Woods signed for a 71. Only later, after the committee spoke to Woods, was it a clear violation. He was given a two-shot penalty but not disqualified because the committee felt it was at fault.

Rickman said the new exception to Rule 6-6d would not have applied because a committee error was involved.

Another change involved artificial devices.

During a 30-minute wait in the middle of her round at the 2010 Safeway Classic, Juli Inkster put a weighted

"doughnut" on her 9-iron. She was disqualified for violating Rule 14-3 banning artificial devices. Now that penalty is two shots (loss of hole in match play), and the penalty for any subsequent violation of the rule is disqualification. D.A. Points was disqualified for that rule at Pebble Beach when he put a sponge ball under his arm to swing during a delay on the 18th tee.

Rickman said that also applies to range finders. To use it once is a two-shot penalty, twice is disqualification.

The other significant change to the rules involved when a ball at rest moves (Rule 18-2b)

Currently, if a ball moves after it has been addressed, the player is deemed to have caused the movement and is penalized one

shot. An exception was added in 2012 for when it is virtually certain that it wasn't the player's fault (such as strong gusts).

Now, the rules no longer say players are guilty unless proved innocent. The penalty will be applied only if the facts show a player caused the ball to move.

"It's not an absolute anymore," said Thomas Pagel, the USGA's senior director of rules.

This change comes with a new decision to serve as a guideline (18-2/0.5). Among things an official would consider is what actions the player takes near the ball; how much time elapses between those actions and the ball moving; the lie of the ball (on a slope, perched on a tuft of grass) and weather conditions. □



## New online site BroadwayHD offers to stream live theater

MARK KENNEDY

AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A new online streaming service launches on Monday that hopes to one day become the Netflix of Broadway, offering high-definition broadcasts of top theatrical events to computers and phones.

BroadwayHD currently has a modest list of plays and musicals ready to stream but hopes to eventually be the place where theater fans and educators turn for their live event fix.

It was founded by Broadway producers Stewart F. Lane and Bonnie Comley, a Tony Award-winning husband-and-wife producing team behind such shows as "On Your Feet!" "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder" and "Legally Blonde."

"We're not going to replace the Broadway experience, but if you can't get to Broadway, get to BroadwayHD," said Lane. "Hopefully it will whet your appetite to go see it live." Users can buy a monthly subscription for \$14.99 and or a yearly one for \$169.99. There's also free content. The shows can be streamed to computers, mobile devices and TVs — both Apple TV or Google Chromecast.

While sites such as iTunes, Amazon Video, Netflix and GooglePlay stream musi-



This screen image provided by BroadwayHD shows the home page for the new online streaming service offering high-definition broadcasts of top theatrical events to computers and phones. Associated Press

icals and plays on phones and tablets, BroadwayHD hopes to become the go-to library to find live-captured theatrical events, whether from off-Broadway or the West End, after a show has been seen in cinemas or on cable TV. While the service currently leans heavily on the archives of the BBC, WNET-TV in New York and Broadway Worldwide, the creators hope they will be able to expand their titles with partnerships and their own captures. They've also added commentaries, introductions and documentaries.

Offerings at launch include more than 120 productions, mostly classics from Shakespeare and Anton Chekov. "A lot of it is classic archival pieces, but then we start layering in the new things and go out and start shooting new shows," Comley said. "We're looking for this to be the landing place." The site comes at a time when so-called event cinema has exploded. When once there was just the Metropolitan Opera at the movie theater, now there's the Bolshoi Ballet, concerts from One Direction, circuses and a steady stream of

English plays.

To those who sneer at reducing a live Broadway show to the size of an iPhone screen, Lane responds by pointing out that people also said the theater experience would be diluted when microphones were introduced.

"This is part of an evolution," he said. "We're nev-

er going to replace the communal experience of seeing actors live. I understand that. New York has an amazing caliber of talent — of writers, directors and performers — that we'd like to share with the world. If they can't get here in time, we can share that with the world in the best way we can."

A sample of what you can now find on BroadwayHD includes Orlando Bloom in the 2013 Broadway revival of "Romeo and Juliet," a live "Jekyll & Hyde" with David Hasselhoff in 2001, Helen Mirren in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Montego Glover and Chad Kimball in "Memphis," Daniel Craig and Stephen Rea in "Copenhagen" from a BBC TV movie in 2002, and Rufus Sewel in "Henry IV." Up next will be Audra McDonald as Billie Holiday in "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" after it airs on HBO.

"There's plenty of stuff out there but what we're trying to do is have anecdotal evidence for producers and all of the creatives to see where this goes," Comley said. □

## Pandora to pay \$90 million to settle suit over pre-1972 hits

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— Streaming music company Pandora has agreed to pay \$90 million to settle a lawsuit brought by major record labels over its use of recordings released before 1972. The labels, including divisions of Sony, Warner and Universal, had argued that songs such as Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and the Beatles' "Hey Jude" are not covered by federal copyright law, but they have been protected in common law by states including New York. □



Pandora is displayed above a post where it trades on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Oct. 23, 2015.

Associated Press

## Expedia's travel sites to list more info on airline fees

**BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP)** — Expedia's online travel sites are introducing tools designed to show the true cost of flying.

The features announced Tuesday will list the fees for checking bags and cancelling a reservation in addition to the ticket fare. Those fees typically remain hidden until a traveler is ready to buy a ticket.

Expedia is hoping the additional transparency will help its sites, which also include Travelocity, Orbitz and Hotwire, to stand out from rivals like Priceline.com's Kayak and Google's extensive index of flight information in its dominant search engine. Added airline fees have been a sore spot for travelers since American Air-

lines began charging to check bags seven years ago, but they are here to stay.

Baggage and cancellation fees generated \$6.5 billion in revenue for airlines last year, a 7 percent increase from 2013, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The airline industry is fighting proposed government regulations that would require carriers to spell out their baggage and cancellation fees alongside their ticket prices.

Expedia's sites also are going to analyze airline pricing trends to advise travelers when there are likely to get the best deal for a ticket to a destination on their business or vacation itinerary. □



## Bridgestone buying Pep Boys for about \$835M

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tire and auto service company Bridgestone Corp. is buying auto parts and repair company Pep Boys in for \$835 million in a deal that will help Bridgestone gain a more dominant position. The offer was for \$15 per share in cash, a premium of almost 23.5 percent over Pep Boys' closing price on

Friday. The deal is expected to close in the beginning of 2016 and will add 800 locations to Bridgestone's nationwide network of 2,200 tire and automotive service centers. The deal comes months after Pep Boys-Manny, Moe & Jack's president and CEO resigned as the speculation built over whether the

company was considering a sale. Tokyo-based Bridgestone Corp. said the move will help accelerate its global growth strategy. "Our shared expertise and commitment to our customers and employees will help us build an even stronger organization," Gary Garfield, CEO and President of Bridgestone

America, which is based in Nashville, Tennessee, said in a statement. Philadelphia-based Pep Boys had been reviewing options to help boost shareholder value since June. The current deal helps to achieve that goal, said CEO Scott Sider. Pep Boys shares rose \$2.83, or 23.3 percent, to \$14.98 in midday trading Monday. □

## FedEx predicts a 12 percent increase in holiday shipments

**DAVID KOENIG**  
**AP Business Writer**

With online shopping growing, FedEx is bracing for a record volumes this holiday season.

The delivery company predicted Monday that shipments from Black Friday through Christmas Eve will rise 12.4 percent over last year to 317 million pieces. The company said that to handle the crush, it is hiring more than 55,000 seasonal workers and investing in automation and expansion.

Rival United Parcel Service Inc. will release its holiday forecast on Tuesday, said spokesman Steve Gaut. He said that the same trends leading to FedEx's forecast of more shipping will affect UPS too.

Delivery companies like UPS and FedEx Corp. have profited from the continuing shift in shopping from stores to online. Even still, the FedEx forecast is a bullish one. The National Retail Federation, for example, predicted that online sales in November and December will rise by between 6 percent and 8 percent over late 2014.

Planning for holiday demand can be treacherous for the delivery giants. After being caught off-guard by a late surge in shipping during 2013, they greatly increased their seasonal work forces last year. The heavy spending pulled down earnings at UPS, although FedEx profit rose.

FedEx and UPS now talk to retailers throughout the year to plan for the spike in holiday shipping. Much of the surge is driven by retailers that promise free shipping even in the last days of the gift-sending season. "We need to make sure that if they are looking at moves like that, they need to understand what our capacity is," said FedEx senior vice president Patrick Fitzgerald. "We do limit some delivery commitment to customers where necessary. That's not very common." □

## Wall Street slips as earnings reports disappoint

**MARLEY JAY**  
**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks edged lower Monday as investors began another big week of company earnings and looked ahead to a policy meeting of the Federal Reserve.

Companies from Apple to Xerox are reporting earn-

The Federal Reserve will meet Tuesday and Wednesday, and while the central bank has said it wants to raise interest rates soon, few investors expect that to happen this year because the global economy remains weak. The Fed left interest rates untouched in September,

cent, to \$120.98 after the online mortgage broker reported better-than-expected results for the third quarter. LendingTree also raised its revenue estimate for the year and gave an optimistic forecast for 2016. Medical laboratory operator Laboratory Corporation of America rose \$5.79, or 5.2

privately held market data company Interactive Data for \$5.2 billion.

Duke Energy, the biggest electric company in the U.S., said it will buy Piedmont Natural Gas for about \$4.9 billion. Piedmont surged \$15.60, or 37 percent, to \$57.82.

Russ Koesterich, global chief investment strategist for BlackRock, says he expects the current wave of company deals to continue as global economic growth remains gradual and borrowing costs remain low.

The boost that the stock market gets from those deals, however, might not be as long-lasting, he said. Deals have given the market "a bit of a sugar high," Koesterich said, driving stocks higher despite disappointing company results. In economic news, the government reported an unexpected drop in new home sales. Sales fell to their slowest pace in 10 months in September, hit by higher home prices and softer economic growth. That helped send homebuilder shares lower. KB Home fell 14 cents, or 1 percent, to \$13.83.

U.S. crude oil lost 62 cents, or 1.4 percent, to close at \$43.98 a barrel in New York. Brent Crude, which is used to price international oils, fell 45 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$47.54 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline fell 1.6 cents to close at \$1.288 a gallon, heating oil fell 2.9 cents to close at \$1.426 a gallon and natural gas sank 22 cents to close at \$2.062 per 1,000 cubic feet. The price of gold rose \$3.40 to \$1,166.20 an ounce. □



**Trader Jonathan Niles, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks edged lower Monday as investors began another big week of company earnings and looked ahead to a policy meeting of the Federal Reserve.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ings this week. About one-third the way through the quarterly earnings season, the results so far have been "nothing spectacular," says investment strategist Kristina Hooper of Allianz Global Investors.

More troubling than the middling income reports, Hooper says, is the fact that many companies are failing to meet analysts' forecasts for revenue. "What we really should be focusing on is the revenue picture, and that's more negative."

which helped set off a rally that pulled stocks out of the red for 2015 last week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 3.97 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,071.18. The S&P 500 remains positive for the year. The Dow Jones industrial average, which is still negative for the year, fell 23.65 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,623.05. The Nasdaq composite rose 2.84 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 5,034.70.

Not all the earnings news was bad. LendingTree soared \$22.98, or 23.5 per-

cent, to \$117.74 after its third-quarter results topped estimates.

Xerox fell 31 cents, or 3 percent, to \$10.03 after the business services and copier company reported disappointing quarterly revenue said it will conduct a review of its operations in hopes of boosting value for its shareholders.

Companies continued to combine. Intercontinental Exchange, the owner of the New York Stock Exchange and other stock markets, said it will buy the



## Scandal-hit Volkswagen hires Opel exec as strategy chief

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — Volkswagen is hiring a top strategy executive from competitor Opel as it seeks to recover from a scandal over its cheating on U.S. diesel emissions tests. Taking on Thomas Sedran as Volkswagen's new chief of corporate strategy brings another outside

voice to the company as it re-examines its culture in the wake of the scandal. The move announced Monday by the automaker based in Wolfsburg, Germany, comes on top of the company's decision to hire Christine Hohmann-Dennhardt, a former judge who oversaw legal compli-

ance at competitor Daimler AG in the wake of a bribery scandal there. Sedran is a former managing director for turnaround firm Alix Partners. He joined General Motors' Opel division as head of strategy and operations in 2012. The appointment of chief financial officer Hans Dieter

Poetsch as board chairman in the wake of the scandal led to questions about whether the company needed more outsiders to get to the bottom of its problems. New CEO Matthias Mueller is also a longtime Volkswagen AG employee, replacing Martin Winterkorn, who resigned.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says Volkswagen equipped 482,000 cars with software that disabled emissions controls when the cars were not being tested. About 11 million of its cars worldwide have the software, though not all are confirmed to have cheated on tests. □

## Valeant board forms committee to look into Philidor ties



This photo shows the head office and logo of Valeant Pharmaceuticals in Montreal. Valeant Pharmaceuticals announced Monday, Oct. 26, 2015, that it is forming a committee to delve into the drug company's relationship with the specialty pharmacy Philidor, which was the target of a scathing research report a week earlier.

(Ryan Remiorz/The Canadian Press via AP)

**TOM MURPHY**  
AP Business Writer

Valeant Pharmaceuticals promises a thorough examination of its dealings with a pharmacy that was targeted in a scathing research report last week, though the company on Monday stood by its financial accounting of that relationship. Valeant also said that it has asked federal regulators to investigate the short-selling investment firm that put out

the report. Valeant CEO J. Michael Pearson compared the actions of the report's editor to someone yelling fire in a crowded theater. A special board committee is being created to examine issues that include a Wall Street Journal report that said Valeant employees using fake names on emails were placed at the pharmacy, called Philidor, as the smaller company was starting up. That com-

mittee will include activist investor Mason Morfit. Valeant also announced Monday that Morfit was returning to its board after leaving more than a year ago. "We take this matter seriously and it is one of the issues that will be reviewed by the (board) committee," Valeant Chief Compliance Officer Seana Carson said during a Monday morning conference call. The Canadian drug company uses pharmacies like

Philidor to help deliver its drugs more quickly to patients through the mail. The Journal, citing some sources it did not name, said Valeant employees worked directly in Philidor offices and used the fake names to guard against the appearance that Valeant was using the pharmacy to steer patients toward its drugs. Philidor did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press seeking comment. Valeant said it also will investigate why Philidor was denied last year a permit to operate in California. The state's pharmacy board cited, among other reasons, false statements from its CEO, Matthew S. Davenport, some in reference to the true ownership of the company. Valeant planned Monday's conference call last week after the research firm Citron said that it appears Valeant and Philidor have created a network of phantom pharmacies to trick auditors. Citron is a short seller's research firm that publishes reports in hopes of triggering a stock reaction. A short seller bets that the stock will fall and can make a huge

profit if it does. Valeant said Monday that its full board and an audit and risk committee found its accounting treatment of the Philidor relationship to be appropriate. Pearson, who is also Valeant's chairman, added that the drug company has asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate Citron and its editor, the investor Andrew Left, saying that Left wanted to create a panic. "He wanted people to run," Pearson said. Valeant disclosed last week during a conference call to discuss earnings that it had purchased an option late last year to buy Philidor. Citron also questioned why the drug company had not previously disclosed this development. Valeant executives said Monday they didn't consider it material enough to be worthy of disclosing. They noted that the Philidor business represents less than 7 percent of Valeant's revenue. Valeant has been targeted for criticism in recent years for its focus on buying drug developers, hiking prices on the products it acquires and slashing spending on research into new drugs. □

## MTN Nigeria fined \$5.2 billion for failing to register users

**MICHELLE FAUL**  
Associated Press

**LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)** — MTN Group telecommunications stock plunged 12.5 percent on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Monday on the news that its most lucrative subsidiary, in Nigeria, has been fined \$5.2 billion for failing to disconnect millions of unregistered cellphone subscri-

ers. The Nigerian Communications Commission confirmed the penalty based on 200,000 naira (\$1,000) for each of 5.1 million cellphone SIM cards that had not been registered and should have been disconnected by an August deadline. On Aug. 7, the commission issued an ultimatum order-

ing all cellphone providers to de-activate unregistered cards within seven days "or face severe sanctions." All the other cellphone companies in Nigeria complied, the commission said. The South African company said in a statement Monday that it is in talks with Nigeria's regulatory body "to resolve the matter." The \$5.2 billion fine is equiv-

alent to at least two average years' profit for MTN Nigeria and nearly three times the \$1.8 billion that it has invested in the West African country, according to the company's website. Africa's leading cellphone service provider, MTN paid \$285 million for one of four GSM licenses in Nigeria in 2001. Before the cut, MTN said it

had about 62 million customers among Nigeria's 170 million people in September, by far the group's biggest market. Nigeria has about 150 million active mobile phone lines, 90 million mobile Internet users and imports 4 million cellphones each month, according to Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Communications. □



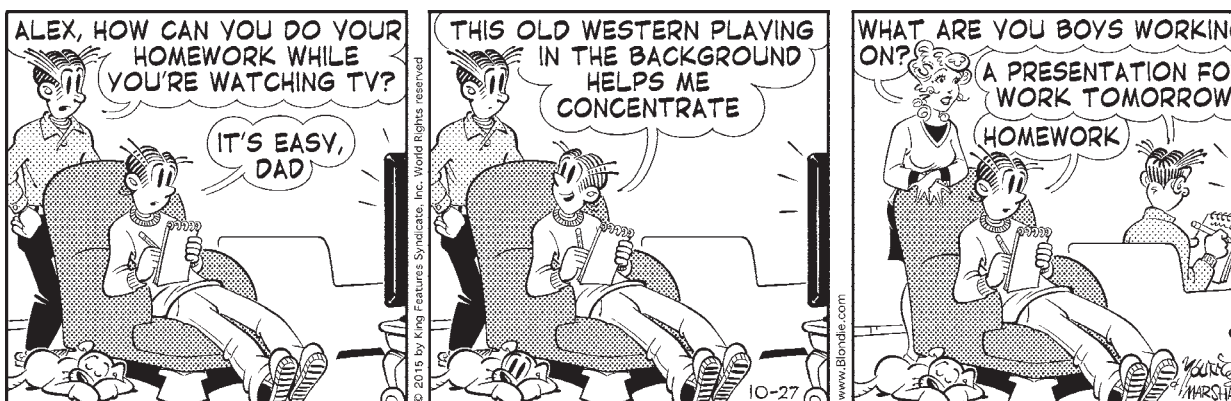
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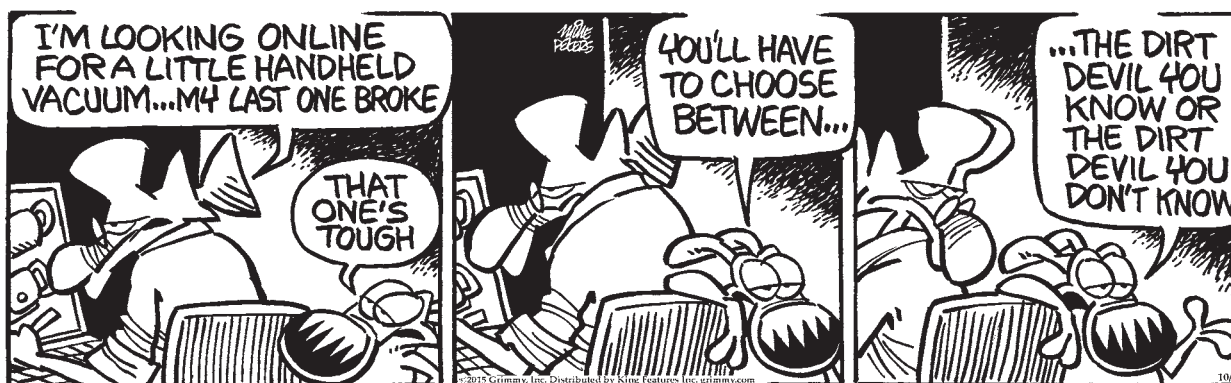
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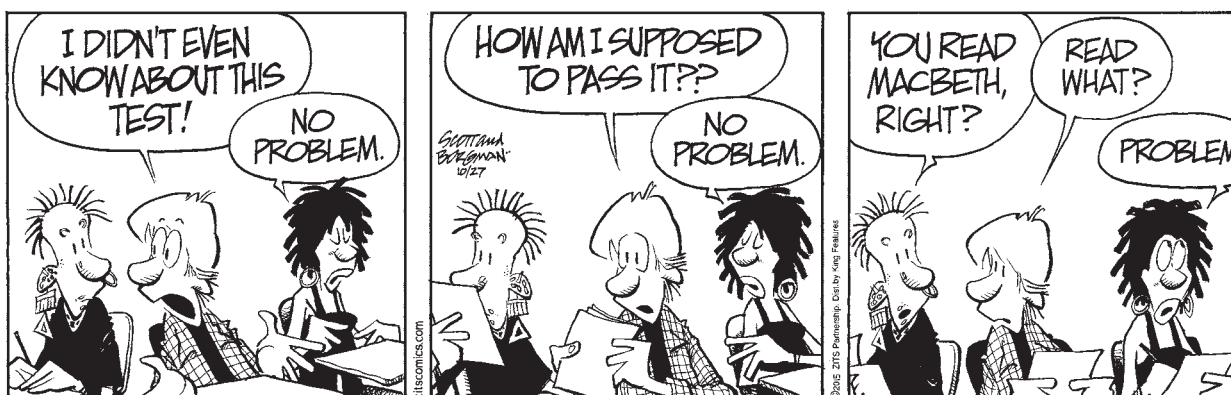
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

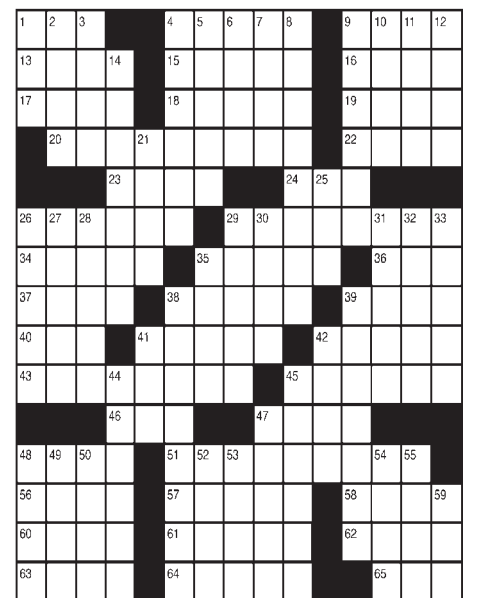
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8	4	2	9	7	3	6	5	1
6	9	1	4	8	5	3	7	2
9	1	3	6	5	4	8	2	7
5	6	8	2	1	7	4	9	3
4	2	7	3	9	8	1	6	5

## ACROSS

- Perish
- Easter \_\_; decorative stamps
- Like water \_\_ duck's back
- Western state
- Capital of Vietnam
- Claim against property
- Chop finely
- Go \_\_ a limb; take a risk
- Word of disgust
- Tearing to bits
- His and \_\_; like a matching pair for Dad & Mom
- Pie à la \_\_
- Ms. Thurman
- Very smart
- Affairs of state
- Takes a nap
- As \_\_ a hornet
- Touch lightly
- Mountain range in Europe
- Place to eat
- Of sound mind
- Edison's initials
- Warbles
- Punctuation mark in a ratio
- Brief summary
- Formed a spiral
- Right off the \_\_; immediately
- Yank
- Unexceptional
- Foolishness
- Asian language
- Invalidates
- Middy
- Lubricates
- Shut
- Clothing
- Verse writer
- Diminished
- Nov.'s follower

## DOWN

- Flop; failure
- Suffix for an inflammation
- Apiece
- Cheaply made



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## Monday's Puzzle Solved

ROLES	SPAM	SHOP
AGENT	TONY	POOL
TRALA	INTO	OUZO
SENATORS	POISED	
CUPS	SINLESS	
STREET	SPACE	
TIE	SEWER	ERECT
ALSO	DALES	SALE
GETUP	GLEAM	RUN
TRIES	BASSET	
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- Making dirty
- Jacuzzi
- Freezing
- Woodwind player
- Blasphemed
- Vital sign in the wrist
- Go no further
- Cincinnati, \_\_
- Buyer's delight
- Future tulip
- Messy fellow
- Frog's cousin
- Days of \_\_; olden times
- ABC competitor



## Promise of Mongolia mining boom lures brands



Customers eat their meals at the first Burger King outlet which recently opened in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Monday, Oct. 26, 2015. The landlocked, sparsely populated country of about 3 million people, sandwiched between China and Russia, has long been dependent on mining and animal herding and still has no McDonalds or Starbucks. But following economic growth rates as high as 17.5 percent earlier this decade, it has begun to see an influx of foreign fast-food brands.

(AP Photo/Grace Brown)

**GRACE BROWN**  
Associated Press  
ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia (AP) —

Burger King has opened its first store in sparsely populated Mongolia, joining companies from Pizza Hut to Porsche in anticipating an economic boom from the Oyu Tolgoi copper and gold mine.

Sandwiched between China and Russia, Mongolia has long been dependent on mining and animal herding and still has no McDonald's or Starbucks. But it has begun to see an influx of foreign fast food and other brands. KFC came in 2013, then Pizza Hut last year, and now the world's second-largest burger chain.

The interest in the country of 3 million people comes despite a deep deceleration in growth rates to about 3 percent in the first half of this year from 17.5 percent earlier in the decade. However, after years of deadlock over taxes and royalties, a deal reached in May between the government and mining giant Rio Tinto over the \$5.4 billion Oyu Tolgoi mine could help spur renewed growth.

"Now is a good time to be coming in," said Jim Dwyer, executive director of the Business Council of Mongolia.

On the edge of Chinggis Square in the capital Ulaanbaatar, luxury brands Louis Vuitton and Ermenegildo Zegna already have set up boutiques. While these stores

are largely empty now, they and others are banking that better times will

come.

International car brands that have trickled into Mongolia include Volkswagen and BMW. Porsche opened a showroom in Ulaanbaatar in February with models ranging in price from \$70,000 to \$300,000.

Jason Broome, in charge of Porsche's Mongolia business, said the local franchise now serves 30 customers.

Burger King has partnered with Mongolian franchisee, Max Group, one of the country's largest conglomerates, engaged in mining, food and beverage, agriculture and real estate. Meal prices range from about \$2.5 to \$5.5, less than 1 percent of the average monthly salary of \$734.

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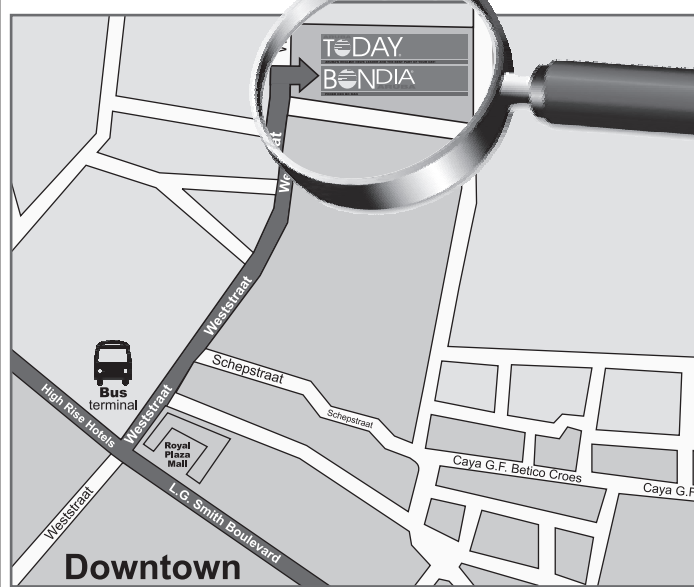
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## An intolerable unimaginable heat forecast for Persian Gulf

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**AP Science Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — If carbon dioxide emissions continue at their current pace, by the end of century parts of the Persian Gulf will sometimes be just too hot for the human body to tolerate, a new study says. How hot? The heat index — which combines heat and humidity — may hit 165 to 170 degrees (74 to 77 Celsius) for at least six hours, according to numerous computer simulations in the new study.

That's so hot that the human body can't get rid of heat.

The elderly and ill are hurt most by current heart waves, but the future is expected to be so hot that healthy, fit people would be endangered, health experts say.

"You can go to a wet sauna and put the temperature up to 35 (Celsius or 95 degrees Fahrenheit) or so. You can bear it for a while, now think of that at an extended exposure" of six or more hours,

said study co-author Elfatih Eltahir, an MIT environmental engineering professor. While humans have been around, Earth has not seen that type of prolonged, oppressive combination of heat and humidity, Eltahir said. But with the unique geography and climate of the Persian Gulf and increased warming pro-



In this June 10, 2010 file photo, an Asian laborer avoids the direct sun by working behind a wooden sign, as he works on a manhole alongside of an under construction road in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

**Associated Press**

jected if heat-trapping gas emissions continue to rise at current rates, it will happen every decade or so by the end of the century, according to the study published Monday in the journal Nature Climate Change.

This would be the type of heat that would make deadly heat wave in Europe in 2003 that killed more than 70,000 people "look like a refreshing day or event," said study co-au-

thor Jeremy Pal of Loyola Marymount University. It would still be rare, and cities such as Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Doha wouldn't quite be uninhabitable, thanks to air conditioning. But for people living and working outside or those with no air conditioning, it would be intolerable, said Eltahir and Pal.

While Mecca won't be quite as hot, the heat will likely still cause many

deaths during the annual hajj pilgrimage, Eltahir said. "Some of the scariest prospects from a changing climate involve conditions completely outside the range of human experience," Carnegie Institute for Science climate researcher Chris Field, who wasn't part of the study, wrote in an email. "If we don't limit climate change to avoid extreme heat or mugginess, the

people in these regions will likely need to find other places to live."

Said Dr. Howard Frumkin, dean of the University of Washington school of public health, who wasn't part of the research: "When the ambient temperatures are extremely high, as projected in this paper, then exposed people can and do die. The implications of this paper for the Gulf region are frightening." □

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In this July 24, 2015 file photo, Andy Grammer performs on NBC's "Today" show at Rockefeller Center in New York.

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## Andy Grammer to sing national anthem at World Series Game 1

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Pop singer-songwriter Andy Grammer will perform the national anthem at Game 1 of the World Series on Tuesday. Major League Baseball announced Monday that the "Honey, I'm Good" singer will perform before the New York Mets take on the Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri. The game will air live at 8:07

EST on Fox. Grammer's pop smash, "Honey, I'm Good," became a multiplatinum hit this year and peaked at No. 9 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. He is currently competing on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars." Grammer will re-release his 2014 sophomore album, "Magazines or Novels," on Nov. 20 with four new tracks. □

## Melissa Benoist joins Superman family as 'Supergirl' on CBS

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**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**

— Melissa Benoist, star of CBS' new series "Supergirl," wasn't a comic-book geek or fan girl when she was growing up.

"My favorite superhero was Michael Keaton as 'Batman,'" she said in a recent interview.

She also wasn't athletic or sporty.

"I'm not coordinated in that way. ... I would have moments where I felt confident and where I felt strong and brave and like I could do anything. But then, like everyone else, I have really, really awkward, horribly awkward, moments," Benoist said.

She stars as Superman's caped cousin, Kara Zor-El, known as Kara Danvers, in the new "Supergirl" series, which premieres Monday night (8:30 p.m. EDT). The audition process was a long one, but Benoist, 27, best known for her role as Marley Rose on "Glee," was a standout.

"We were like, 'We have to get a diamond ring for that girl,' but then we still needed to date the na-



In this Aug. 10, 2015 file photo, Melissa Benoist from "Supergirl", poses for a portrait during the CBS 2015 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Associated Press

tion," said executive producer Ali Adler. "We had to see maybe a thousand more women, and we never stopped being in love with Melissa."

Benoist recalled learning about the part and realizing that it was special.

"The second that I saw in my email inbox the title 'Supergirl,' I just knew automatically that it was something important and it was something exciting and rare and that I wanted to be a part of it," said Ben-

oist. "From there it was kind of that's where the journey started."

In this version of "Supergirl," Kara doesn't arrive on Earth until she is 13, so she remembers planet Krypton. Viewers will see flashbacks of Kara's mother, Alura, played by Laura Benanti. Kara has known all along that she has superpowers, but she's been afraid to use them. Now, 10 years later, she's ready to embrace her abilities and help fight crime.

## Adele producer: Keeping mum about 'Hello' was hard MESFIN FEKADU

**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Getting into the studio and writing a potential hit song for Adele sounds hard enough. Now add keeping mum about the track for a year.

That's the challenge Greg Kurstin faced after producing and co-writing "Hello" last year.

"I'm not going to lie; it's not easy to hold that information in for that long. It's kind of like I was holding this big secret for so long, but I stuck with it," the Grammy- and Golden Globe-nominated songwriter-producer, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It wasn't easy. You kind of want to shout it out, run around in the streets yelling to random strangers what you've just done," he

added.

"Hello" was released Friday and it topped the iTunes singles chart in 85 countries. The music video broke the Vevo record for most views in a day with 27.7 million.

"Hello" is Adele's first single since releasing 2011's earth shattering "21," her sophomore album that sold more than 11 million units in the United States and won the Grammy Award for album of the year, among other accolades.

"I'm still in shock honestly. ...I was just pretty blown away," Kurstin said of the insta-success of "Hello."

Kurstin, who has worked with Pink, Lily Allen, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift, said he and Adele were supposed to work on music for "21," but that it didn't pan



In this April 16, 2013 file photo provided by ASCAP, producer and songwriter Greg Kurstin arrives at the 30th Annual ASCAP Pop Music Awards, at Loews Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

out. On "25," which Adele will release on Nov. 20,

he also contributes to the tracks "Water Under the Bridge" and "Million Years Ago."

Kurstin said he was putting some pressure on himself before meeting with powerhouse singer since this was her follow-up to "21." But that changed once he set foot in the studio, and they started working on songs last year, including "Hello."

"She's just so wonderful to be around. She is funny and she's just so down-to-earth. ...You can immediately relate to her and connect with her," Kurstin said of Adele. "I really felt very comfortable around her because she makes you feel that way. She's just cool, and then she gets on the microphone and of

course blows your mind." Kurstin's writing and production credits include pop smashes like Sia's "Chandelier," Kelly Clarkson's "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)" and Ellie Goulding's "Burn." He is one-half of the indie duo The Bird and the Bee, who released its fourth album this year.

Kurstin is also working with another Grammy album of the year winner: He produced Beck's new single, "Dreams," and is producing other tracks on the rock singer's follow-up to 2014's "Morning Phase," which won the top Grammy earlier this year.

"I used to play in his band actually," said Kurstin, who added that is the first time he's officially writing and producing for Beck. □



# Actress Charlotte Rae tells 'The Facts of My Life' in memoir

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AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — In "The Facts of Life," Charlotte Rae played the unflappable Mrs. Garrett, a girls' school housemother who smoothly guided her charges through crises and comedy.

Rae says she implored the TV show's producers to let her character "lose her temper, yell at the kids. Let her be a human being." They declined. But as Rae, 89, recounts in her new autobiography, her own life bore little resemblance to the sitcom-grade serenity of Edna Garrett's, instead marked by challenges that included son Andy's autism and her husband's late-in-life disclosure that he was bisexual and wanted an open marriage.

"The Facts of My Life" paints Rae as a woman determined to face the world with grace and humor, come what may, and one dedicated to her family, friends and a career that stretched from 1950s TV to Broadway.

That's partly why she decided to do the book, to bolster others tackling their own difficulties and dreams, Rae said in an interview.

And because her other son, Larry Strauss, a writer and teacher, said she should.



In this Sept. 15, 2014, file photo, Charlotte Rae arrives at the 2014 PALEYFEST Fall TV Previews - "The Facts Of Life" Reunion in Beverly Hills, Calif.

"He said, 'Ma, I think it's time we did your memoir. You talk to me and I'll do it,'" she recalled. "He was very sensitive to what I was talking about and wonderful (writing about) his brother, very sensitive and beautiful."

The book, to be published by BearManor Media on Nov. 1, opens with what's described as a "nightmare come true," then 16-year-old Andy Strauss locked in the juvenile ward at New York's Bellevue Hospital because he'd been deemed dangerous.

Andy's diagnosis of autism had been long in coming at a time when there was far less understanding of or attention to the disorder, Rae said. Her son, who had other conditions including epilepsy, died in his mid-40s of a heart attack.

She saw his illness as the "most devastating thing" in her life, said Rae, who has also faced alcoholism and heart problems. Then her husband of 25 years, composer and sound editor John Strauss, who like Rae had turned to Alcoholics Anonymous for help, was

urged by his AA sponsor to be honest with himself and his wife about his sexuality.

"I felt there was something wrong with me and took it personally," Rae said. "But I gradually realized what he was going through. My God, the poor guy, hiding it and being ashamed."

The pair divorced, and John Strauss died in 2011. He had found a long-time partner (the nice Jewish man of his dreams, Rae said) but she has remained single.

"Between the children and my career, I just didn't have

time. It didn't happen," Rae said. "There were people I had little flings with that were lovely, but nobody I wanted to marry."

Son Larry, his family and others keep her busy and content, she said.

"I have wonderful friends. I'm not just a lonely old lady," said Rae, a Wisconsin native who splits her time between Los Angeles and New York.

Her career has been divided between screen, stage and cabaret appearances (fans may recall Mrs. Garrett singing "O Holy Night" on a holiday episode). Her extensive TV work ranged from "The Phil Silvers Show" in the 1950s to "Car 54, Where Are You?" in the 1960s to "Girl Meets World" in 2014.

After introducing Mrs. Garrett on "Diff'rent Strokes," Rae carried her over to "The Facts of Life" spin-off in 1979. The long-running series brought her an Emmy nomination, financial security and lasting friendships with co-stars Nancy McKeon, Lisa Whelchel, Kim Fields and Mindy Cohn.

(She recalls, with delight, visiting McKeon and her husband at their ranch near Austin, Texas, and having a "jammie party" with their daughters.)

Rae also appeared in movies, with her latest role this year in the Meryl

## Jon Stewart opening animal sanctuary in New Jersey

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The former host of "The Daily Show" and his wife are transforming their New Jersey farm into a sanctuary for neglected animals.

Jon and Tracey Stewart announced their plan Saturday while being honored by the animal advocacy group Farm Sanctuary.

The property in Middletown, New Jersey, will be the fourth sanctuary affiliated with Farm Sanctuary. The organization's other outposts are in Los Angeles; Orland, California; and



In this Feb. 28, 2015 file photo, Jon Stewart appears onstage at Comedy Central's "Night of Too Many Stars: America Comes Together for Autism Programs" at the Beacon Theatre in New York.

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Watkins Glen, New York.

Farm Sanctuary was founded in 1986 to combat fac-

tory farming and encourage awareness about farm animals. □

## Jimmy Fallon falls again, hurts fingers on other hand



In this Aug. 25, 2014, file photo, Jimmy Fallon presents an award at the 66th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jimmy Fallon should probably be more careful.

Four months after the "Tonight Show" host needed emergency surgery to save one of his fingers after a fall, Fallon hurt his other hand in a spill at a party in his honor on Saturday.

Fallon tweeted a picture Sunday of his hand with a couple small bandages on his fingers, writing that it was "nothing a few band aids couldn't fix." □



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